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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING TISSUE CELLS
FROM PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS
DERIVED FROM IRIS PIGMENTED
EPITHELIAL CELLS OF ANIMAL, AND
TISSUE CELLS OBTAINED BY METHOD

Examiner: A. Dutt

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in an Japanese Office Action issued July 8, 2008, which is attached along with its English Translation, during the prosecution of Japanese Patent Application No. JP-2005-506918, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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